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Serial No. 09/546,833
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PATENT
Docket No. RAL920000042US1**CERTIFICATE OF FACSIMILE (37 C.F.R. 1.8(a))**

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by Vickie Diane Hawkins Signature: Vickie Diane Hawkins**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of: Bass, et al.

Serial No.: 09/546,833

Filed: April 11, 2000

For: Method and Apparatus for Processing Frame Classification
Information Between Network Processors

Group Art Unit: 2667

Examiner: Ly, Anh Vu H.

NOTICE OF APPEAL
FROM THE PRIMARY EXAMINER TO THE BOARD OF APPEALS

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicant hereby appeals to the Board of Appeals from the decision
dated December 21, 2005, of the Primary Examiner finally rejecting claims 1-3, 5-
8, 10-20, 22-24, and 34.

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The item(s) checked below are appropriate:

1. ☐ A _-month extension of time to respond to the final rejection is filed herewith.
2. ☒ This Notice of Appeal filing is a timely response to the final rejection.
3. ☒ The fee of \$500.00 is
 - ☐ Enclosed.
 - ☐ Not required. (Fee paid in prior appeal.)
 - ☒ Charged to Deposit Account No. __09-1990___. The Commissioner is authorized to charge payment of any additional fees or to credit any overpayment to the designated Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Date: March 21, 2006

Respectfully submitted,

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